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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 APPROXIMATELY \$27,231.00 IN U.S.  
CURRENCY,

15 Defendant.  
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No. 2:20-cv-2244 MCE DB

FINDINGS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS

17 This matter came before the undersigned on the United States' *ex parte* motion for default  
18 judgment. There was no appearance by or on behalf of any other person or entity claiming an interest in  
19 the above-captioned defendant currency to oppose the United States' motion. Based on the United  
20 States' motion and the files and records of the court, THE COURT FINDS as follows:

21 1. This action arose out of a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* filed November 9,  
22 2020.

23 2. The United States has moved this Court, pursuant to Local Rule 540, for entry of default  
24 judgment of forfeiture against potential claimants Ming Guang Chen, Tak Yuk Chen, Lian Xin Chen,  
25 Christina Chen and Han Weng Peng.

26 3. The United States has shown that a complaint for forfeiture was filed; that potential  
27 claimants Ming Guang Chen, Tak Yuk Chen, Lian Xin Chen, Christina Chen and Han Weng Peng

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1 received notice of the forfeiture action; that any and all other unknown potential claimants have been  
2 served by publication; and that grounds exist for entry of a final judgment of forfeiture.

3 Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED as follows:

4 1. That Ming Guang Chen, Tak Yuk Chen, Lian Xin Chen, Christina Chen and Han Weng  
5 Peng be held in default;

6 2. That the United States' motion for default judgment and final judgment of forfeiture be  
7 granted;

8 3. That judgment by default be entered against any right, title, or interest of potential  
9 claimants Ming Guang Chen, Tak Yuk Chen, Lian Xin Chen, Christina Chen and Han Weng Peng in  
10 the defendant currency referenced in the above caption;

11 4. That a final judgment be entered, forfeiting all right, title, and interest in the defendant  
12 currency to the United States, to be disposed of according to law;

13 5. That the Default Judgment and Final Judgment of Forfeiture lodged herein be signed by  
14 the assigned District Judge and filed by the Clerk of the Court.

15 Dated: January 29, 2021

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19 DEBORAH BARNES  
20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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